



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

On January 29, 2009, Antonio Rigberto Frausto was found guilty by a United States District Court jury after 45 minutes deliberations. He was convicted of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon, United States District Judge, presided. The defendant was arrested with four other men during the execution of a search warrant at a trailer park near Lake Manawa, Iowa, on October 21, 2006. Seized during the search was a pound of methamphetamine, a .44 Taurus magnum, over \$5,000 dollars and the defendant's vehicle. Evidence at trial from co-conspirators indicated that the defendant had been distributing at least 1 /12 pounds of "ice" methamphetamine for approximately six weeks prior to the October arrest. The defendant's drug trafficking took place in both Council Bluffs and Omaha.

**Name of Defendant:** Antonio Rigberto Frausto

**AKA:**

**Age:** 20

**City of residence:** Unknown

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):** Imprisonment of 10 years to life, \$4,000,000 fine, or both such imprisonment and fine, at least 5 years of supervised release and \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:**

**Location of Arrest:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** 500 grams or more of methamphetamine

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** At least as early as April 3, 2006, and continuing through October 21, 2006

**Federal Arrest Date:** 6/12/08

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date:** 7/14/08

**Initial Appearance Date:** 9/12/08

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Jan. 26 and 28-29, 2009

**Sentencing Date:** 5/5/09

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** Sentencing on 5/5/09

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** F. A. Gossett

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Held

**In Continuous Custody Since:** 6/12/08

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Joseph F. Bataillon

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